

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-5. **Cancelled**
6. **(Currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6;
 - (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6, lacking its associated signal peptide;
 - (c) ~~amino acids 17-234~~ a fragment of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 consisting of the amino acid sequence between the signal sequence and the transmembrane domain; or
 - (d) ~~amino acids 17-234 of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 wherein said isolated polypeptide does not comprise amino acids 1-16 of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6; or~~
 - (e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209399.
7. **(Previously presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6.
8. **(Previously presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6, lacking its associated signal peptide.
9. **(Currently amended)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising ~~the amino acids 17-234~~ a fragment of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 consisting of the amino acid sequence between the signal sequence and the transmembrane domain.
10. **(Cancelled)**
11. **(Previously Presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209399.
12. **(Previously Presented)** A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 6 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
13. **(Currently amended)** The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 12, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is ~~an epitope tag~~ a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

14. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6;
 - (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6, lacking its associated signal peptide;
 - (c) a fragment of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 consisting of the amino acid sequence between the signal sequence and the transmembrane domain; or
 - (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209399;
- wherein said isolated polypeptide or a fragment thereof can be used to generate an antibody which can be used to specifically bind the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6.

15. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 14 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6;
 - (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6, lacking its associated signal peptide;
 - (c) a fragment of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 consisting of the amino acid sequence between the signal sequence and the transmembrane domain; or
 - (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209399;
- wherein said isolated polypeptide or a fragment thereof can be used to generate an antibody which can be used to specifically bind the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6.

16. (New) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 14 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

17. (New) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 16, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.